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#### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add or amend the claims to read as follows, and cancel without prejudice or disclaimer to resubmission in a divisional or continuation application claims indicated as cancelled:

21. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a culture medium, said culture medium being that is substantially free of animal products and comprising a yeast extract, said composition further comprising Clostridium difficile.

22. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 21, wherein said medium further comprises[[ing]] a compound derived from a vegetable.

23-24. Canceled.

25. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 21, further comprising an iron source.

26. (New) The composition of claim 22, wherein said compound is a vegetable peptone.

27. (New) A composition comprising a culture medium, said culture medium being free of animal products and comprising a soy product, said composition further comprising Clostridium difficile.

28. (New) The composition of claim 27, wherein said soy product is a hydrolyzed soy product.

29. (New) The composition of claim 27, wherein said soy product is a soy peptone.

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30. (New) The composition of claim 27, further comprising an iron source.

31. (New) A composition comprising a culture medium, said culture medium being free of animal products and comprising sodium thioglycolate, said composition further comprising Clostridium difficile.

32. (New) The composition of claim 31, wherein said medium further comprises a vegetable product.

33. (New) The composition of claim 31, wherein said vegetable product is a vegetable peptone.

34. (New) The composition of claim 31, further comprising an iron source.